

Rainier Beach Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

March 16, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Southeast Seattle Senior Center

Attendees

NAC Members:

Cheryl dos Remedios, Christie Coxley, David Sauvion, Gregory Davis, Harry Hoffman, Margaret Yellowwolf, Matt Kozleski, Mohamed Sheikh Hassan, Peter Masundire, Robert West "Trey", Rodolfo Castillo, Vallerie Fisher

Public Members:

Justina Guyott, Bob Rosenberger, Katheryn Flake, Yalonda Gill Masundire

City Staff:

Nora Liu (DPD), Sebhat Tenna (DON), David Goldberg (DPD)

Agenda review

- Agenda was approved as presented.

February Summary Notes

- Summary notes were approved as presented.

Absences:

- No discussion on this item except note taken that Katy Curtis had called in sick.

Public Information Request

- The Department of Neighborhoods has received a Public Disclosure Request to see applications for NAC members.
- The request will be satisfied. Resumes, personal addresses, email addresses, personal phone numbers and cell phone numbers are exempt and were redacted per RCW.
- Copies of the individual NAC member's disclosed information will be provided upon request.

Goal of meeting:

- Review, advise and recommend on preparation for the March 19, 2011 Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan Update Community Forum and Open House.

March 19, 2011 Community Forum

- Will be 3 hours of workshop followed by 1 hour open house.
 - Expecting anywhere from 100 -300 people.
 - Interpreters will be available to assist. POLs will attend with their groups.
 - NAC's role is to welcome and make attendees feel comfortable.

- NAC members will be identified with nametags and will be quickly introduced.
- Introduction
 - There will be a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation.
 - Katy Curtis will briefly go through original neighborhood plan, its successes, and what remains to be done.
 - Gregory will give an orientation on logistics for the day.
 - Nora will provide information on what a neighborhood plan update is, what it will do, and why Rainier Beach was chosen.
- Participants will be provided with “roadmap” at registration table. Turning in a completed “roadmap” will entitle them to receiving a light bulb and entry into a drawing for a gift certificate, a bag, etc.
- City staff from various departments will staff tables arranged as stations around the room.
 - Station 1: Questions – what’s good? What needs improvement? What is missing?
 - Station 2: Town Center – Shopping & Services, Community Character
 - Station 3: Community – Social and Physical
 - Station 4: Transportation – Getting where you need to go
 - Station 5: Polling
 - Station 6: Resource Fair – Connecting to Resources Today
- Attendee Comments will be recorded on flip charts and map.
 - NAC members should spread around the room and listen, as well as visiting the stations themselves.
- People can attend whenever and for however long they like. There is no set number of stations they must visit.
- NAC members voiced concern over “Town Center” designation. City staff stated that the original plan did define a town center.

Public Comment:

- Hope that when the Comprehensive Plan is explained, should name elements that people care about, i.e. affordable housing, utilities, environmental concerns. Should include projects that speak directly to these issues.

Resource Fair

- Nine organizations have registered, with eight additional groups showing an interest in registering.
- City groups should let Gregory know if they will be participating either via registration form or verbal communication.

Open House

- Will provide an opportunity to mingle with neighbors and enjoy refreshments at the end of the forum.
- Daycare will be available during this time.

Agenda Setting

- For the April NAC meeting, City will bring draft report from the community forum and ask for NAC feedback.
 - Consolidation of input might not be ready until later in the month as POL input must also be translated/transliterated and organized.
 - May need to have two meetings in April to get to where we need to be by summer, or may need to have a longer meeting.
 - Will also bring in a short list of consultants and preliminary scope of work for NAC input.
- Departments that have not yet come to a NAC meeting: Seattle Parks & Recreation, Office of Housing, Office of Economic Development, Human Services Department, Department of Neighborhoods, City Light, Arts, Seattle Police Department (Public Safety) .
 - Departments' presentation should be looking more at problem solving, than a presentation on what they do in general.
 - All would be involved in the implementation work as we go forward.
- Topics that have been suggested by NAC members: how to build advocacy, meeting with Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake NAC, meeting with organizations such as the School District who are doing projects in Rainier Beach, gentrification issues, NAC/POL debrief, and reviewing projects such as Evans School, SEED and UW Design Project.
- NAC members Okayed for Councilmember Clark to come to observe their meeting in April.
- City staff responded to NAC member question to have Councilmembers O'Brien and Clark address the advocacy piece stating that it would be a good idea to have them come to a follow-up meeting to address the subject matter.

Nora will invite CM Clark and CM O'Brien to come to April meeting to meet the group and come to a later meeting to address the advocacy piece, or just come to a later meeting.

Public Comment:

- There is no structure in the Saturday meeting for community building. NAC members could provide one-on-one discussion with community at this event. Could be 5 or 10 minute meet and greet. Should have opportunity to meet three neighbors you don't know.
- What is the content of the polling? What are the questions? NAC has not been provided with this information.
 - City staff replied questions were distributed at last meeting and polling survey questions are on-line.
- Questions are targeted to stores, public safety and transportation. If that's all you are asking about that is all you're going to hear about.
- Comment on Resource Fair: Rainier Beach Association belongs in the general category, not public safety.
 - Yolanda responded to a NAC member's request that the Rainier Beach Association would definitely be encouraging some of the community building work.
 - Nora asked if the Rainier Beach Association would share with the NAC the information they gather through on-line poll and door-to-door work with questions similar to the forum questions.

Follow-up/Next Steps

- David Barrion from HSD has volunteered to come and film on Saturday and Cheryl has volunteered to work on the project with him. Rudy and Mohamed responded to call for additional volunteer.
 - Possible to do some other filming projects in the future with help from volunteers. There is no money budgeted for this, however.
- City staff suggested looking at outcome of forum feedback and invite City departments based on which ones have most involvement.

NAC agreed to have POLs come to next meeting and do debrief.